



DIMITRIJEVIC REPORT

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Dear Friends,

I hope you had a wonderful holiday and wish you and your family a happy new year. 2011 will be a year full of changes here in Milwaukee County Government. It is likely that we will have three different County Executives. We will also have two new County Supervisors that will be elected this spring to fill vacancies. You can count on me to be active and accessible during this transition in Milwaukee County.

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South Side Scholarship Foundation

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Marina Renews Her Call for a Full-time Sustainability Director

Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic has introduced a resolution for consideration during the County Board's January cycle to renew her call to comply with the adopted Green Print legislation which creates a full-time Sustainability Director to implement the Green Print's goals.

"Although the Green Print was enacted more than three years ago, a dedicated Sustainability Director for Milwaukee County was never fully implemented. That has been a major obstacle as we strive to identify innovative, money saving initiatives to help address our fiscal challenges," Supervisor Dimitrijevic said. "The outgoing administration did not allocate the resources necessary for this position, so I am renewing my effort in hopes that new leadership will make this a priority."

Energy savings, grants and other non-county revenue will offset half of the funding for the new position, and the remaining portion is already budgeted in the 2011 County Budget. Many other counties and municipalities, including the City of Milwaukee, have created similar full-time positions.

"The lack of a dedicated Sustainability Director to carry out the Green Print and other environmental initiatives is keeping us from identifying additional grant opportunities and cost-savings measures," Supervisor Dimitrijevic said. "While the County currently has a half-time Sustainability Engineer who does a great job with limited resources, a full-time Director will have twice the positive impact."

The Green Print, unanimously approved by the County Board and signed into law in 2007, set the stage for Milwaukee County to become more environmentally responsible. So far, the Green Print has reduced the County's annual electricity consumption by \$800,000 and its water consumption by 100 million gallons per year.



Above: Supervisor Dimitrijevic & State Senator Chris Larson present a citation to Linda Nieft of the Bay View Community Center in honor of her commitment to the community.

Below: Supervisors Dimitrijevic and Harris presented to the 9to5 National Association of Working Women on "The Status of Women in Milwaukee County".



Left: Supervisor Dimitrijevic helps cut the ribbon to welcome new businesses to our neighborhood. She is pictured with Layton Boulevard West Neighbors at El Rey de Pollo located on 35th and National.

South Shore Bluff Restoration Project



The Milwaukee County Department of Parks, Recreation and Culture is proposing to establish native plants and remove invasive species on the South Shore Bluff to enhance the ecology and aesthetics of this important community resource. Native plant species will be chosen based on their benefits to the greatest diversity of wildlife, height at maturity to prevent any loss of vistas, and hardiness due to challenging growing conditions. Planting stock would consist of native shrubs known to naturally occur in County natural areas near South Shore as well as flowering native plants beneficial to migratory wildlife that heavily use lake side parks during spring and autumn. The planting will be done in pockets in order to allow for future expanse as resources allow. This project will allow for substantial community involvement in the form of site maintenance and resource acquisition in the form of donations of native plants as has been done in numerous other projects located throughout the park system. The Milwaukee County Parks are partnering with the South Shore Park Watch on this important naturalization project that will secure our bluff for generations to come. It will also require less ongoing maintenance by parks staff resulting in taxpayer savings.

Don't Forget to Vote!

I would like to remind you that February 15 is our spring primary election. Please remember to get out and vote. Make your voice heard! If you need to know where to vote in the City of Milwaukee, please visit this website for polling location information:

<http://itmdapps.milwaukee.gov/electedreps/electrep.jsp>